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Dear Examiner:

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action dated May  
4, 2005. Please amend the claims as shown and consider the following Remarks.

**Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this communication.**

**Remarks begin on page 12 of this communication.**